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AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS

AB 1098

Romero (Chapter 322)

MEDI-CAL FRAUD PREVENTION

AB 1098, sponsored by DHS, enacts a portion of the Governor's Medi-Cal Anti-Fraud Initiative. This legislation is an aggressive measure that provides the State with the necessary tools to fight fraud and abuse in the \$21 billion Medi-Cal program. The provisions of the bill increase criminal penalties for Medi-Cal fraud; toughen Medi-Cal enrollment requirements for providers; subject billing agents to the same provisions of state law that already apply to providers, including background checks; require registration and bonding of billing agents; and strengthen the clinical laboratory law.

HEALTH INFORMATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Center For Health Statistics

AB 1797

Bock (Chapter 64)

VITAL RECORDS: ALTERNATIVE BIRTH CENTERS

AB 1797, sponsored by Alameda County, authorizes the administrator of a state-licensed alternative birth center to sign and register live births with the local registrar.

AB 2735

Cox (Chapter 780)

BIRTH CERTIFICATES: GENDER INFORMATION

AB 2735, sponsored by the author, permits a person born in California to apply for a new birth certificate issued by the State Registrar if the incorrect gender information entered on the original birth certificate is the result of hospital or local registrar error.

SB 1479

Figueroa (Chapter 303)

MIDWIVES: AUTHORIZED PRACTICES

SB 1479, sponsored by the author, expands the disclosures that are required to be made to a client by a licensed midwife, and requires a professionally licensed midwife present at a live birth outside a hospital or alternative birth

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center with no physician present, to prepare and register a birth certificate.

SB 1818

Speier (Chapter 822)

DNA DATABASE: FUNDING

SB 1818, sponsored by the author, imposes a \$2 fee increase on death certificates issued by the Center for Health Statistics and local registrars to fund the “Missing Persons DNA Data Base.” The funding will be used to develop the DNA data base and laboratory infrastructure, and for the Department of Justice (DOJ) protocols and personnel.

County Health Services and Local Public Health Assistance

AB 1910

Migden (Chapter 150)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS

AB 1910, sponsored by the author, authorizes a county electing to participate in the California Children and Families Program and meeting specified requirements, to establish a county commission that would be a legal public entity separate from the county. This bill also specifies the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the county commissions.

SB 269

Ortiz (Chapter 794)

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION: STATE AID

SB 269, sponsored by the Health Officers Association of California, enacts the “Public Health Improvement Act of 1999,” which appropriates \$1 million from the State General Fund to DHS to allocate to local health departments for communicable disease control and public health surveillance activities.

SB 1508

Figueroa (Chapter 169)

LOCAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICTS

SB 1508, sponsored by the author, extends the repeal date (from January 1, 2001 to January 1, 2006) for provisions in current law which: 1) allow local health care districts to transfer, at a fair market value, any part of its assets to one

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or more corporations to operate and maintain the assets, and 2) authorize the board of directors of a district to enter into lease agreements with one or more corporations for the operation of 50% or more of the district's assets. Requires the Legislative Analyst to review and report any transfers of assets by local health care districts to the Legislature by January 1, 2005.

SB 1824

Kelley (Chapter 730)

CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCIES: COUNTIES

SB 1824, sponsored by the author, provides the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and non-compliant counties with several options for forming local Certified Uniform Program Agencies (CUPA), which provide for the unified regulation of hazardous and toxic materials. It also establishes a Rural County Reimbursement Account (RCRA) in the general fund and authorizes the Secretary to allocate up to \$60,000 per county to defray local costs. It requires affected counties to set local CUPA fees under a single fee system so that fee revenues, in conjunction with RCRA allocations, would meet necessary costs incurred by the county in implementing the unified program.

SB 2132

Dunn (Chapter 826)

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES: TOBACCO TAX

SB 2132, sponsored by the author, appropriates \$24,803,000 of available tobacco tax money to counties that participate in the California Health Care for Indigents program (CHIP) and the Rural Health Services (RHS) program for emergency physician services and provides control language governing the allocation and use of the funds. The bill implements the Administration's initiative to target additional funding to emergency room physicians.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

SB 1712

Polanco (Chapter 943)

UNIVERSAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

SB 1712, sponsored by the author, requires the Public Utilities Commission, on or before February 1, 2001, to initiate an investigation to examine the current and future

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definitions of universal service, seeking input from a wide cross section of providers, users, and state agencies, and convergent industries, and reporting findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2002.

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION

AB 894

Alquist (Chapter 46)

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS: SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

AB 894, sponsored by the author, provides that if the attending physician and surgeon of a resident in a skilled nursing facility prescribes or orders an anti-psychotic medicine, the physician and surgeon shall obtain the informed consent of the resident for the purposes of prescribing, ordering, or increasing an order for the medication, and seek the consent of the resident prior to notifying the resident's interested family member, as designated in the medical record.

AB 1731

Shelley (Chapter 451)

LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: QUALITY OF CARE

AB 1731, sponsored by the author, enacts a major component of the Governor's Aging with Dignity Initiative. The bill gives DHS additional state enforcement and oversight authority and provides the tools necessary to ensure that the licensing process is effective in protecting residents, and that the highest level of care is provided. It also creates a quality assurance process for preventing, detecting, and correcting inconsistent or poor quality state survey processes; and a mechanism for rewarding facilities that maintain the highest quality of patient care. Additionally, it requires sharing survey information with consumers and the public.

AB 1753

Romero (Chapter 434)

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & RELATED DISORDERS

AB 1753, sponsored by the author, enacts the Alzheimer's Training Act of 2000. This legislation requires any

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residential care facility for the elderly that advertises or promotes special care or a special environment for persons with dementia to meet specified training requirements for all direct care staff; requires annual review by the Department of Social Services of facilities that advertise or promote these services; requires disclosures to the Department and the public of special facility features, such as program philosophy, admission requirements, staff training, success indicators, etc.

AB 1760

Kuehl (Chapter 148)

HEALTH FACILITIES: REGULATIONS: NURSE/PATIENT RATIOS

AB 1760, sponsored by the author, extends to January 1, 2002, the date for adoption of regulations by DHS with respect to licensed nurse-to-patient ratios for licensed health facilities.

AB 1975

Romero (Chapter 356)

PSYCHOLOGISTS: LICENSURE

AB 1975, sponsored by the author, extends from two to three years, the maximum duration allowed for DHS to grant a waiver from licensure requirements for psychologists employed in state or other governmental health facilities. Allows psychologists recruited from outside the state for employment in California an additional year (i.e., a total of 2 years) to take and pass the licensure examination.

AB 2194

Gallegos (Chapter 841)

TEMPORARY HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING

AB 2194, sponsored by the California Healthcare Association, directs the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to permit hospitals to relocate services on an interim basis as part of the seismic safety compliance. It directs the Office to permit building standards flexibility so long as public safety is not compromised. Further, it requires DHS to establish a hospital facilities seismic safety liaison to perform functions related to licensing issues.

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AB 2516

Thomson (Chapter 360)

REGISTERED NURSE EDUCATION PROGRAM

AB 2516, sponsored by DHS, extends participation in the Registered Nurse Education Program to students who agree in writing, prior to graduation, to serve in an eligible state-operated health facility.

AB 2899

Committee on Health (Chapter 858)

PRACTITIONERS LICENSED TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS

AB 2899, sponsored by the author, authorizes the attending physician of a patient to authenticate the verbal orders for drugs for orders made for the patient by another physician. It also makes technical, non-substantive changes to existing law related to Medi-Cal.

SB 1551

Dunn (Chapter 448)

LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES: FAMILY COUNCILS

SB 1551, sponsored by California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, strengthens the rights of the family council in skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities and imposes penalties for facilities that violate those rights.

SB 1554

Committee on Business & Professions (Chapter 836)

HEALING ARTS

SB 1554, sponsored by the Committee, makes numerous technical changes to regulations for various health related boards and professions within the Department of Consumer Affairs, including pharmacists, psychologists, podiatrists, and others. Allows for disciplinary actions of psychologists and health facilities that fail to comply with a court order to provide medical records to the Boards of Psychology.

SB 1875

Speier (Chapter 816)

HEALTH FACILITIES AND CLINICS: MEDICATION ERRORS

SB 1875, sponsored by the author, makes it a condition of licensure of hospitals and clinics, to implement a formal plan to eliminate or substantially reduce medication-related errors in the facility. Requires each facility's plan to be provided to

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DHS by January 1, 2002, and to be implemented by January 1, 2005.

SB 1988

Speier (Chapter 867)
INSURANCE FRAUD

SB 1988, sponsored by the author, establishes the Anti-Auto Theft and Insurance Fraud Act of 2000. The legislation also includes a provision (Section 9) that restricts the ownership of businesses engaged in the practice of medicine (except for hospitals and specified medical clinics) only to licensed physicians and surgeons, unless the medical business is exempted from the provision by the Director of DHS. It would also require permanent revocation of a physician and surgeon's license if he or she knowingly practices medicine in an organization not in compliance with ownership requirements. *(See Governor's signing message, beginning on page 51)*

SB 2180

Committee on Health & Human Services (Chapter 869)
ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE: LICENSING

SB 2180, sponsored by the Committee, strengthens programmatic licensing and certification oversight functions for adult day health care centers.

MEDICAL CARE SERVICES

California Partnership for Long-Term Care

SB 898

Dunn (Chapter 812)
LONG-TERM CARE RENEWAL PROVISIONS

SB 898, sponsored by the author, requires premium rate schedules to be submitted and approved by the Insurance Commissioner before an individual or group long-term care insurance policy can be marketed in California. This legislation provides consumer protection from unreasonable premiums for long-term care insurance.

California Partnership for Long-Term Care (continued)

SB 2111

Dunn (Chapter 560)

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE: RATE GUIDE

SB 2111, sponsored by the author, requires the consumer rate guide to consist of a rate history portion and a policy comparison portion. Requires the premium section of long-term care insurance personal worksheets to include a reference to the consumer rate guide and where a copy may be obtained.

Medi-Cal Managed Care

AB 525

Kuehl (Chapter 347)

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

AB 525, sponsored by California Womens' Law Center/ National Health Law Program, requires certain health care service plans, disability insurers, and Medi-Cal managed care plans to provide a specified written statement to recipients of health care services for the purpose of informing them about limitations or restrictions on obtaining reproductive health services from certain contracted providers or facilities.

AB 1455

Scott (Chapter 827)

HEALTH CARE SERVICE PLANS: UNFAIR BILLING PRACTICES

AB 1455, sponsored by California Medical Association and the California Healthcare Association, prohibits a health care service plan from engaging in unfair and illegal business patterns, which jeopardize patient care and the financial stability of hospitals and physicians throughout the state. This legislation requires the Department of Managed Health Care to convene appropriate state agencies to make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2001, with regard to developing a system for responding to unfair billing practices. This statute contains identical language to SB 1177 (See page 16). AB 1455 was chaptered last and therefore is the controlling language.

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AB 2168

Gallegos (Chapter 426)

STANDING REFERRALS: HIV POSITIVE AND AIDS

AB 2168, sponsored by the author, specifies that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) be interpreted broadly as a condition or disease that requires specialized medical care over a prolonged period of time and is life-threatening, degenerative, or disabling, so as to maximize the access of an enrollee with HIV or AIDS to a provider with demonstrated expertise in treating a condition or disease involving a complicated treatment regimen. This provision of law sunsets on July 1, 2004.

SB 168

Speier (Chapter 845)

CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS: PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT

SB 168, sponsored by the author, prohibits health care service plans (HCSPs) from requiring physicians or physician groups to assume the financial risk for the acquisition costs of required childhood immunizations that are not part of their current risk-based contract with the HCSP. Effective January 1, 2001, HCSPs will be required to reimburse physicians for these costs at the lowest of the following: the actual acquisition cost, the average wholesale price, or the lowest cost made available to the physician by the HCSP. The bill further specifies timeframes within which HCSPs must reimburse physicians for these costs.

SB 195

Chesbro (Chapter 389)

SMALL EMPLOYERS: RATES: GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

SB 195, sponsored by the Health Plan of the Redwoods, alters the number of geographic rating regions for a health care service plan in the small group market, which will make it less difficult for small health plans to offer coverage in rural counties.

SB 745

Escutia (Chapter 811)

MENTAL HEALTH: CONTRACTS: DISPUTES

SB 745, sponsored by the Western Center on Law and Poverty, requires any local county mental health plan that provides Medi-Cal services to enter into a memorandum of

Medi-Cal Managed Care (continued)

understanding with each Medi-Cal managed care plan that provides medical services to Medi-Cal recipients served by the mental health plan. The memorandum of understanding is intended to contain the responsibilities of the local mental health plan and the Medi-Cal managed care plan. This legislation seeks to ensure that managed care plan enrollees have the same access to mental health services as fee-for-service beneficiaries and to ensure that foster children placed out of their county of adjudication will also have access to outpatient mental health services.

SB 1177

Perata (Chapter 825)

HEALTH CARE: UNFAIR PAYMENT PRACTICES: PHYSICIANS

SB 1177, sponsored by the College of Emergency Physicians, prohibits a health care service plan from engaging in unfair and illegal business patterns, which jeopardize patient care and the financial stability of hospitals and physicians throughout the state. This legislation requires the Department of Managed Health Care to convene appropriate state agencies to make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor by July 1, 2001, with regard to developing a system for responding to unfair billing practices. This statute contains identical language to AB 1455 (See page 14). AB 1455 was chaptered last and is therefore the controlling language.

SB 1471

Schiff (Chapter 848)

HEALTH CARE LIENS

SB 1471, sponsored by the author, requires that a lien asserted by a health care service plan, a disability insurer, a medical group, or an independent practice association against an enrollee or insured individual for the recovery of money paid for health care services may not exceed the total of the "reasonable costs" actually paid to the treating medical provider.

SB 1732

Burton (Chapter 1069)

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS: PREFERRED RATES

SB 1732, sponsored by Zenith Insurance, contains technical clean-up language to SB 559 (Chapter 545, Statutes of 1999), which was designed to stop Preferred Provider

Medi-Cal Managed Care (continued)

Organizations from marketing and selling lists of provider panels that offered discounted rates.

SB 1746

Figueroa (Chapter 849)

HEALTH CARE SERVICE PLANS: TERMINATION OF PROVIDER

SB 1746, sponsored by the Union of American Physicians and Dentists, requires a health care service plan to notify patients 30 days prior to termination of a contract with a medical group, or individual practice association to provide affected enrollees with a written notice of the change. Specifies the method for delivering written notice, and the procedure to follow if the written notice is returned as undeliverable.

SB 1764

Chesbro (Chapter 305)

HEALTH COVERAGE: ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE

SB 1764, sponsored by the author, requires the Legislative Analyst to review existing data relating to the cost-effectiveness of substance abuse treatment parity in health care service plans and disability insurance policies and report to the Legislature its findings in this regard as well as other information, as specified, pertaining to substance abuse treatment services offered by health care service plans and disability insurance policies.

SB 1903

Speier (Chapter 1066)

MEDICAL INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

SB 1903, sponsored by the author, expands the provisions of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act to require corporations and their subsidiaries and affiliates to adhere to the same confidentiality laws that apply to health care providers and their contractors by prohibiting them, except in specified circumstances, from sharing or selling a patient's medical records without the patient's written authorization.

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SB 2083

Speier (Chapter 696)

MEDI-CAL CONTRACTING: COUNTY COMMISSIONS

SB 2083, sponsored by Health Plan of San Mateo, authorizes the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County, and any other county designated by the California Medical Assistance Commissions, to establish, by ordinance, special commissions to negotiate and enter into contracts to provide health care delivery systems for the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs.

SB 2094

Committee on Insurance (Chapter 1067)

HEALTH CARE: TECHNICAL CLEAN-UP

SB 2094, sponsored by the Senate Committee on Insurance, makes technical changes to various provisions of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act and other health care-related provisions by correcting erroneous section references, and making other related conforming and clarifying changes.

SB 2136

Dunn (Chapter 856)

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS: MULTIPLE AUDITS

SB 2136, sponsored by the author, requires the Department of Managed Health Care's (DMHC) Advisory Committee on Managed Care to recommend to the DMHC director standards for a uniform medical quality audit system, which shall include a single periodic medical quality audit. Requires the DMHC director to publish proposed regulations on or before January 1, 2002, after having sought comment from a broad and balanced range of interested parties.

Medi-Cal Operations

AB 2547

Hertzberg (Chapter 842)

HEALTH FACILITIES: REVISED CAPITAL PROJECT PLANS

AB 2547, sponsored by the author, allows Los Angeles County to submit by December 31, 2002, and December 31, 2003, revised capital project plans to rebuild/replace Los Angeles County University of Southern California Medical Center, and a facility in San Gabriel Valley, respectively.

Medi-Cal Operations (continued)

This legislation permits LAC+USC to be reimbursed using its Medi-Cal inpatient utilization rate established at the time LAC+USC's original plans were submitted in 1994.

AB 2611

Gallegos (Chapter 828)

HEALTH FACILITIES: EMERGENCY SERVICES

AB 2611, sponsored by the author, requires the Senate Office of Research to conduct a comprehensive study of the hospital emergency room department on-call coverage issue in California, to convene a workgroup of affected California stakeholders, and to report to the Legislature by January 1, 2002, with recommendations to address the issue.

SB 1192

Polanco (Chapter 846)

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

SB 1192, sponsored by the author, permits the Contra Costa County Regional Medical Center to construct or renovate, or both, the former Los Medanos Community Hospital site, and permits this construction or renovation to be considered eligible for supplemental reimbursement if the site meets certain conditions. The bill provides that this medical center shall also qualify for supplemental reimbursement for the revised capital project if specified eligibility requirements are met.

SB 2046

Speier (Chapter 852)

HEALTH CARE: PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE AND EXTENSION OF FINAL PLAN SUBMISSION FOR ELIGIBLE DISTINCT PART NURSING FACILITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

SB 2046, sponsored by the author, extends the deadline from July 1, 2001 to January 1, 2003, for qualifying distinct part nursing facilities that meet certain requirements to submit plans for capital projects qualifying for federal Medicaid supplemental reimbursements to DHS.

Medi-Cal Policy

AB 499

Aroner (Chapter 557)

MEDI-CAL: ASSISTED LIVING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

AB 499, sponsored by the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, requires DHS to develop a federal waiver program to test the efficacy of providing an assisted living benefit, as described, to beneficiaries under the Medi-Cal program. Provides reimbursement for assisted living services provided for Medi-Cal recipients placed in residential care facilities and senior housing projects.

AB 1015

Gallegos (Chapter 946)

HEALTH COVERAGE FOR PARENTS OF HEALTHY FAMILIES CHILDREN

AB 1015, sponsored by the author, provides that, to the extent federal financial participation is available and funds are appropriated for this purpose, parents of children eligible under the Healthy Families Program would be eligible for health coverage under that program. Provides that no appropriation for this purpose would be made from the Healthy Families fund. Implementation of this legislation would be through a State Child Health Insurance Program waiver.

AB 1199

Firebaugh (Chapter 558)

MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM CONTRACTING

AB 1199, sponsored by the author, relates to existing law, which requires the California Department of Aging to formulate criteria for approval and designation of local Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) sites. Provides that the Department is not required to reprocure existing sites using a competitive bid process unless it is deemed in the best interests of the state to do so. This legislation allows for more cost-effective administration of the MSSP waiver, without losing flexibility in contract procurement.

Medi-Cal Policy (continued)

AB 2080

Granlund (Chapter 800)

MEDI-CAL: LONG TERM CARE SERVICES: AGENT LIABILITY

AB 2080, sponsored by the California Association of Health Facilities, expands the definition of the crime committed when an agent willfully does not pay a Medi-Cal beneficiary's share-of-cost (SOC) to a nursing facility in which the beneficiary resides. This legislation provides greater authority for the nursing facility to collect SOC monies owed to them by Medi-Cal beneficiaries' agents.

AB 2107

Scott (Chapter 442)

FINANCIAL ABUSE OF ELDERS

AB 2107, sponsored by the author, changes current law concerning the sale of Medicare supplemental insurance and long-term care policies including misrepresentation of Medi-Cal eligibility criteria and defining "financial abuse" of elders and dependent adults. This legislation requires DHS to make a Medi-Cal disclosure form available to insurance agents and brokers on its Internet website.

AB 2152

Aroner (Chapter 453)

MEDI-CAL: DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

AB 2152, sponsored by Protection and Advocacy, Inc., requires that Medi-Cal utilization controls allow authorization of durable medical equipment needed to assist a disabled beneficiary in caring for a child for whom the disabled beneficiary is a parent, stepparent, foster parent, or legal guardian, subject to the availability of federal financial participation.

AB 2415

Migden (Chapter 944)

HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY: LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

AB 2415, sponsored by the author, deletes the use of date of entry into the United States in determining eligibility for a qualified alien child applying for the Healthy Families program. This legislation makes permanent the state-only program to provide health care to recent legal immigrant children.

Medi-Cal Policy (continued)

AB 2617

Aanestad (Chapter 158)

MEDI-CAL REIMBURSEMENT: SMALL AND RURAL HOSPITALS

AB 2617, sponsored by the author, revises the definitions of minimum floor hospital and non-minimum floor hospital which are used to determine the amount of Medi-Cal supplemental reimbursement rates for outpatient services rendered to Medi-Cal patients by small and rural hospitals.

AB 2668

Battin (Chapter 804)

MEDI-CAL: LONG TERM CARE SERVICES: REIMBURSEMENT

AB 2668, sponsored by the author, provides for reimbursement by the Medi-Cal program for services provided to individuals who meet the federal definition of disability, who are currently residing in intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled.

AB 2876

Aroner (Chapter 108)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OMNIBUS BUDGET TRAILER BILL

AB 2876, sponsored by the author:

- Allows grants to be awarded to assist existing adult day health care centers in expanding their operations, and increases the amount available for a single project to \$125,000.
- Expands the definitions of drug-Medi-Cal services subject to the receipt of a state plan amendment to obtain federal financial participation.
- Establishes a methodology for determining the percentage of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) wage or benefit increases, negotiated by a public authority or nonprofit consortium, that will be paid by the state and the county. DHS must approve the wage or benefit increase and Department of Finance must certify that the conditions for state participation at a specified percentage of the increase have been met.
- Eliminates the IHSS program services component from the state schedule for the allocation of federal block grant funds.

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- Requires DSS, in conjunction with DHS, to develop and submit to the Legislature a community outreach and educational program to help families learn about and apply for the federal Food Stamp program, and the California Food Assistance program.

AB 2877

Thomson (Chapter 93)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES OMNIBUS BUDGET TRAILER BILL

AB 2877, sponsored by the author:

- Streamlines processes for establishing Medi-Cal and Healthy Families program eligibility.
- Requires the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and DHS to prepare a report to the Legislature regarding Healthy Families Public Concerns/Complaints.
- Extends Therapeutic Drug Contracting authority
- Eliminates sunset for reimbursement of telemedicine services by the Medi-Cal program.
- Adopts federal option for 100% federal poverty level program for Aged and Disabled Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

AB 2900

Gallegos (Chapter 945)

MEDI-CAL: CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN

AB 2900, sponsored by the author, requires DHS, to the extent that federal financial participation is available, to implement the federal option to extend continuous eligibility to children 19 years of age or younger, as described under the Medi-Cal program. This legislation satisfies one of the federal requirements for application for a State Child Health Insurance Program waiver.

AB 2901

Committee on Health (Chapter 48)

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITALS

AB 2901, sponsored by the California Healthcare Association, revises the method of determining the disproportionate share hospital (DSH) Medi-Cal provider payment structure for the 2000-2001 payment adjustment year and subsequent years. This legislation also authorizes DHS to adopt specified emergency regulations for implementation of the DSH program.

Medi-Cal Policy (continued)

SB 87

Escutia (Chapter 1088)

MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY: TRANSITION FROM CALWORKS

SB 87, sponsored by the National Center for Youth Law and Western Center for Law & Poverty, makes changes in Medi-Cal redetermination procedure in instances when eligibility on one basis has been terminated, and provides for the transfer of a Medi-Cal beneficiary's benefits to an appropriate transitional Medi-Cal program, under specified circumstances. This legislation is consistent with federal law and the Edwards lawsuit regarding redetermination procedures, and provides equal treatment to Medi-Cal beneficiaries whose eligibility is based on receipt of cash aid.

SB 764

Committee on Insurance (Chapter 706)

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

SB 764, sponsored by the author, repeals the existing statute concerning Medicare supplemental insurance policies and enacts new, but similar, provisions. The legislation conforms state law to federal law by establishing benefit standards, imposing disclosure, marketing, and reporting requirements on insurers and health care service plans, and by providing other various related requirements.

SB 929

Polanco (Chapter 676)

OPTOMETRY: SCOPE OF PRACTICE

SB 929, sponsored by the California Optometric Association, expands the practice of optometry to include the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, management, and rehabilitation of specified disorders and dysfunctions of the visual system. Expands the number of identified conditions that an optometrist (certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents) can diagnose and treat.

SB 1046

Murray (Chapter 697)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY: LICENSURE

SB 1046, sponsored by the Occupational Therapy Association of California, enacts regulatory provisions providing for the licensure of occupational therapists and the certification of occupational therapy assistants by the

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California Board of Occupational Therapy, created by this measure.

SB 1339

Figueroa (Chapter 677)

PHARMACY: QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

SB 1339, sponsored by the Board of Pharmacy, requires every pharmacy, on or after January 1, 2002, to establish a quality assurance program that at a minimum, documents medication errors attributable, in whole or in part, to that pharmacy or its personnel.

SB 1368

Brulte (Chapter 824)

CHILD ABANDONMENT: NEWBORNS

SB 1368, sponsored by the author, provides that no parent or other person having lawful custody of a minor child 72 hours old or younger may be prosecuted for child neglect or abandonment if he or she voluntarily surrenders physical custody of the child to any employee on duty at a public or private hospital emergency room, or any additional location designated by the County Board of Supervisors. This legislation requires DHS to instruct the counties on procedures to ensure that the children surrendered under the provisions of the legislation will be eligible for Medi-Cal for a minimum period of time.

SB 2013

Committee on Health & Human Services (Chapter 682)

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: APPLICATION FORM

SB 2013, sponsored by the Committee, requires DSS, in conjunction with affected stakeholder groups, and subject to federal approval, to develop and implement a simplified and shorter application form for non-assistance food stamp applicants.

SB 2034

Figueroa (Chapter 199)

HEALING ARTS: CHIROPRACTIC ACT

SB 2034, sponsored by the author, requires the sunset review process for the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to be undertaken during the interim recess of

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2001, and for the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to be undertaken during the interim recess of 2003.

SB 2194

Soto (Chapter 435)

MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY: TRANSFER OF ASSETS

SB 2194, sponsored by the author, provides that assets transferred exclusively for a purpose other than to qualify for medical assistance shall not result in ineligibility for Medi-Cal benefits. The language is consistent with federal law and codifies the state's current policies regarding transfer of assets.

Payment Systems

SB 1636

Poochigian (Chapter 197)

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS: LICENSING

SB 1636, sponsored by the author, permits the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to issue citations to a licensee with an order of abatement or an order to pay an administrative fine not to exceed \$2,500 for each violation or count if the violation involves fraudulent billings submitted to an insurance company, the Medi-Cal program, or Medicare. The licensee shall be informed by the Board of their right to request in writing a hearing to contest the finding of a violation. The Board is also required to either prepare or select the written examination to be given for an osteopathic physician's and surgeon's certificate.

OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES

AB 505

Wright, R. (Chapter 1059)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: SMALL BUSINESSES

AB 505, sponsored by the author, changes the procedures that must be followed by state agencies in promulgating regulations, requires all state agencies to designate a small business liaison, and creates a new Office of Small Business Advocate, the director of which will be appointed by the Governor.

Office of Legal Services (continued)

AB 1822

Wayne (Chapter 1060)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT: REGULATIONS

AB 1822, sponsored by the author, makes a variety of minor changes to the Administrative Procedure Act and related statutes that prescribe requirements to be met by state agencies in the promulgation of administrative regulations.

OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL HEALTH

AB 2394

Firebaugh (Chapter 802)

HEALING ARTS: CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY

AB 2394, sponsored by the Hispanic Healthcare Association, establishes the Task Force on Culturally and Linguistically Competent Physicians and Dentists, co-chaired by the Director of DHS and the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Requires the task force to report its findings to the Legislature and appropriate licensing boards within two years after creation of the task force. The bill also creates a subcommittee of the Task Force to examine the feasibility of establishing a pilot program that would allow Mexican and Caribbean-licensed physicians and dentists to practice in nonprofit community health centers in California's medically underserved areas. Requires the subcommittee to report to the Task Force by March 1, 2001, and the Task Force to forward the report, with any additional comments, to the Legislature by April 1, 2001.

OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

SB 370

Burton (Chapter 692)

CAUSING MISCARRIAGE

SB 370, sponsored by the author, repeals three obsolete Penal Code sections relative to abortion. This legislation also clarifies that any person that performs or assists in performing an abortion without a valid license to practice medicine is subject to criminal penalties pursuant to the Business and Professions Code.

PREVENTION SERVICES

Office of Border Health

AB 2317

Ducheny (Chapter 742)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BORDER

AB 2317, sponsored by the author, creates the California Border Environmental Education Fund which provides funds to non-profit environmental organizations within the California-Baja region, and post-secondary educational institutions located within Baja for the conservation of the environment and resources of the region.

Chronic Disease and Injury Control

AB 48

Cedillo (Chapter 368)

KEN MADDY CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY

AB 48, sponsored by the author, renames the California Cancer Registry the Ken Maddy California Cancer Registry and replaces references to “tumor” in the California Cancer Registry with “cancer.” Expands the definition of cancer for these purposes to include primary intracranial and central nervous system (CNS) tumors occurring in specified sites. The Budget Act for fiscal year 2000-01 contains an appropriation of \$150,000 to the Registry for first year costs related to collection of the data on primary intracranial and CNS tumors.

AB 750

Dutra (Chapter 777)

SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH FUND

AB 750, sponsored by the author, establishes the Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund for the award of grants to conduct basic neurological research into the cure for spinal cord injuries and their affects. The grant program is to be administered by the University of California.

AB 2038

Alquist (Chapter 250)

INCLUSION OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN CLINICAL RESEARCH ACT

AB 2038, sponsored by the Older Womens’ League, enacts the Inclusion of Women and Minorities in Clinical Research Act. Requires a grantee, as defined, in conducting or

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supporting a project of clinical research, to ensure that women of all ages and members of minority groups are included as subjects in the clinical research projects. Requires state agencies and the University of California to report on the extent to which grantees receiving state funds for health research include women and minorities in their studies.

AB 2522

Shelley (Chapter 833)

VEHICLES: PEDESTRIANS: BICYCLISTS

AB 2522, sponsored by the Surface Transportation Policy Project, establishes the Pedestrian Safety Account in the State Transportation Fund to be available, upon appropriation, for allocation by the Department of Transportation to local government agencies approved for grants to undertake pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvement projects.

AB 2599

Cardenas (Chapter 792)

CERVICAL CANCER COMMUNITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

AB 2599, sponsored by the author, requires DHS to conduct the Cervical Cancer Community Awareness Campaign to provide awareness, assistance and information regarding cervical cancer and to promote the availability of preventative treatment for women in California.

AB 2878

Wayne (Chapter 94)

BREAST CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM

AB 2878, sponsored by the author, extends indefinitely the duration of the Breast Cancer Treatment Program for underinsured, low-income women. DHS estimates that over 2,800 uninsured, low-income women with no source of coverage for treatment will be newly diagnosed with breast cancer during fiscal year 2000-01.

SB 193

Polanco (Chapter 651)

BREAST CANCER LICENSE PLATE

SB 193, sponsored by the author, adds a special breast cancer treatment license plate to the special interest license

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plate program. Requires the additional funds to be deposited in the Breast Cancer Treatment Account and used by DHS, when appropriated, to fund breast cancer treatment for uninsured persons who are at, or below, the federal poverty level.

SB 567

Speier (Chapter 675)

VEHICLES: CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM

SB 567, sponsored by the California Council for Children's Safety, requires that children under six years of age or under 60 pounds be properly secured in child passenger restraint systems when transported on a highway; extends the current child restraint programs by local health departments for infants and toddlers to children ages six and older; increases the fine for seat belt violations for children between the ages of six (or at least 60 pounds) and sixteen so that it is equivalent to car seat violations for any young children; allows the judiciary to reduce fines and refer violators to a child passenger restraint education program; and requires the courts to notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of child passenger restraint violations.

SB 1038

Burton (Chapter 18)

TAXATION: CIGARETTE TAX

SB 1038, sponsored by the California Distributors Association, prohibits any stamp or meter impression from being affixed to, or made upon, packages of cigarettes if the package bears a cigarette brand name which is a registered US trademark of a participating manufacturer, and the package was imported by anyone other than the participating manufacturer of that cigarette brand. It is illegal to sell cigarettes without the tax stamp. As long as a tax stamp is affixed to a package of cigarettes, the state is ensured of receiving its share of the voter-mandated 87 cents.

SB 1619

Alpert (Chapter 550)

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

SB 1619, sponsored by Professional Association of Childhood Education, requires the State Department of Social Services to convene a working group to develop

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alternatives to regulations establishing minimum safety standards for public playgrounds, including playgrounds in a day care setting. Requires the working group to submit playground safety recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2001. DHS will serve on the working group.

SB 1932

Solis (Chapter 818)

TAXPAYER CONTRIBUTION: LUNG/ASTHMA RESEARCH

SB 1932, sponsored by the American Lung Association of California, creates the California Lung Disease and Asthma Research Fund to receive contributions from taxpayers who voluntarily designate contributions to this fund on their tax return. The bill allocates money from this fund to DHS for allocation to the American Lung Association of California to provide research grants related to lung diseases.

Communicable Disease Control

AB 1748

Zettel (Chapter 593)

IMMUNIZATION: DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

AB 1748, sponsored by the San Diego County Health Department, allows local health officers to expand their options for operating community-wide immunization registries and to expand the entities which can provide information to and obtain information from registries (in all cases based on patient consent).

AB 2318

Lowenthal (Chapter 326)

LINDANE: PROHIBITION

AB 2318, sponsored by the author, prohibits any product (including prescription biocidal shampoos and creams) being used for the treatment of lice or scabies in human beings from containing the pesticide Lindane.

SB 648

Ortiz (Chapter 835)

CHLAMYDIA: TREATMENT OF PARTNER

SB 648, sponsored by the Health Officers Association of California, revises the definition of "venereal disease" to include chlamydia. Authorizes physicians, nurse

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practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants who diagnose a sexually transmitted chlamydia infection in an individual patient, to prescribe, dispense, furnish, or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to the patient's sexual partner or partners without examination of that person or persons.

SB 1256

Polanco (Chapter 754)

HEPATITIS C: PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

SB 1256, sponsored by the author, requires DHS to develop and implement a public education program, and conduct activities related to Hepatitis C. This bill will increase the overall number of persons who are screened and diagnosed for Hepatitis C, and will focus screening on veterans who might otherwise not receive it.

Drinking Water and Environmental Management

AB 303

Thomson (Chapter 708)

LOCAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT

AB 303, sponsored by the author, creates the Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000, to administer additional studies, which are necessary to ensure the safe production, quality, and proper storage of groundwater in the state. The Act establishes the Local Groundwater Assistance Fund to support these studies and authorizes the State Department of Water Resources to assist local public agencies in conducting groundwater studies by awarding grants.

AB 885

Jackson (Chapter 781)

ONSITE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

AB 885, sponsored by the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators, requires the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before January 1, 2004, in consultation with DHS and others, to adopt specified regulations or standards for the permitting and operation of onsite sewage treatment systems.

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AB 1772

Pacheco, R (Chapter 722)

COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICTS

AB 1772, sponsored by Los Angeles County, allows county waterworks districts to enter into contracts with the State to finance district improvement projects if the contracts do not exceed 30 years.

AB 1946

Wayne (Chapter 152)

PUBLIC BEACHES: SURVEY

AB 1946, sponsored by the author, specifies that each local health officer shall submit to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) a survey form documenting all beach postings and closures that occurred during the preceding month. The survey must include: the identification and geographic location of each beach posted or closed; the frequency and type of monitoring that led to the postings or closures; the bacteriological standards exceeded; and the source of pollution causing the postings or closures, if known. The bill also requires the SWRCB to make the surveys available to the public and provide an annual report on the beach postings and closures to the Governor, Legislature and major media organizations.

AB 2546

Jackson (Chapter 327)

RADON CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

AB 2546, sponsored by DHS, prohibits any person from providing radon services, as defined, unless that person completes a national proficiency or certification program, as specified, and submits proof of certification to DHS. Requires DHS to maintain a list of persons that have submitted proof of certification, which would be available to the public.

AB 2886

Kuehl (Chapter 727)

WATER QUALITY

AB 2886 is an omnibus water quality bill, sponsored by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), which addresses the clean-up of leaking underground storage tank sites, the clean-up of abandoned mines, the investigation of storm drain effluents, and the analysis of water samples of approved laboratories. The statute requires DHS to work

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with the SWRCB and a panel of experts to develop source investigation protocols for conducting source investigations of storm drain discharges that exceed bacteriological standards, by June 30, 2001. The SWRCB would be required to report to the Legislature, by December 1, 2001, regarding the methods to be used for conducting the storm drain investigations.

SB 2127

Schiff (Chapter 868)

DRINKING WATER: HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM: STUDY

SB 2127, sponsored by the author, requires DHS to determine the levels of Hexavalent Chromium (chromium-6) in the drinking water supplied by the public water systems in the San Fernando Basin aquifer and, in consultation with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, assess the exposures and risk to the public due to the levels of Hexavalent Chromium detected. DHS will submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature describing the finding, by January 1, 2002.

Environmental and Occupational Disease Control

AB 1730

Cardenas (Chapter 540)

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

AB 1730, sponsored by the author, provides \$1.8 million in funding for DHS to conduct an aggressive childhood lead poisoning prevention campaign to increase the number of at-risk children identified, screened, tested, and case managed for elevated blood lead levels. DHS is also in the process of implementing emergency regulations that will allow this effort to begin before the end of the year.

AB 2260

Shelley (Chapter 718)

SCHOOL SAFETY: PEST CONTROL

AB 2260, sponsored by the California Public Interest Research Group, establishes the Healthy Schools Act of 2000. Requires that the preferred method of managing pests at school sites be the most effective, least toxic pest management practices. The bill delineates record keeping and parental notification requirements for school districts and

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requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to develop programs that promote and improve school districts' abilities to implement effective, least toxic pest management practices.

AB 2264

Cedillo (Chapter 503)

POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBON EXPOSURE

AB 2264, sponsored by the author, requires DHS, on or before January 1, 2002, to conduct a baseline health study of the effects of the possible exposure to soil contamination from Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAHs) on the residents of the William Mead Homes public housing project, located in Lincoln Heights in the County of Los Angeles.

AB 2872

Shelley (Chapter 144)

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AB 2872, sponsored by the author, enacts the Central Valley Agricultural Biomass-to-Energy Incentive Grant Program which would permit air districts, as defined, to apply to the Trade and Commerce Agency to receive grants and provide incentives to convert qualified agricultural biomass to fuel.

Food, Drug, and Radiation Safety

AB 238

Honda (Chapter 1062)

IMPORTATION: BULLFROGS AND TURTLES

AB 238, sponsored by the No Ban Coalition on the Importation of Turtles and Frogs, establishes criteria by which local governments may regulate the sale of turtles and frogs for use as food.

AB 556

Davis (Chapter 796)

DRUGS AND DEVICES: CONFORMITY TO FEDERAL LAW

AB 556, sponsored by the California Healthcare Institute, conforms existing state law to newly enacted provisions of the federal Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 with regard to the regulation of drugs and drug-related devices.

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AB 1173

Frusetta (Chapter 373)

FALLOW DEER MEAT INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

AB 1173, sponsored by the author, requires fallow deer farmers to slaughter and process fallow deer for human consumption according to inspection requirements similar to cattle. The Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) would be required to stamp deer carcasses and packages of deer meat with a seal of inspection. The bill exempts deer farmers from inspection only for animals that they slaughter on their own premises for their own use. DFA is required, in consultation with DHS, to issue regulations pertaining to the humane treatment, transport, slaughter, and processing of fallow deer meat for human consumption.

AB 1496

Olberg (Chapter 837)

HOME MEDICAL DEVICE RETAIL FACILITY LICENSURE

AB 1496, sponsored by the California Association for Medical Product Suppliers, consolidates the licensing of home medical device retail facilities under a single agency (DHS), and provides a more uniform approach to the health and safety requirements applicable to persons that sell and provide services related to home medical devices, including regular inspections of licensed businesses.

AB 1711

Leach (Chapter 6)

CONSUMER PROTECTION: BUNK BEDS: COSMETIC SURGERY

AB 1711, sponsored by the California Public Interest Research Group, amends the Bunk Bed Safety Act of 1999 to conform to federal laws, rules, or regulations relative to safety standards. In addition, this bill amends the Cosmetic and Outpatient Surgery Patient Protection Act by adding to the list of acceptable providers of liability insurance for physicians and surgeons.

AB 2723

Wesson (Chapter 533)

BOTTLED WATER: LIABILITY

AB 2723, sponsored by the author, enacts bottled water and vended water labeling and notification requirements, and

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makes technical, non-substantive changes in bottled water quality standards.

SB 180

Sher (Chapter 691)

RETAIL FOOD FACILITIES INSPECTION INFORMATION

SB 180, sponsored by the author, requires DHS, in consultation with local environmental health officers, representatives of the retail food industry, and other interested parties, on or before January 1, 2002, to establish standardized procedures for local health agencies to report information to the Department regarding each food facility inspection, re-inspection, date of last inspection, period of any closure, and the facility name and address.

SB 550

Johnston (Chapter 8)

DRONABINOL: RECLASSIFICATION

SB 550, sponsored by Roxane Laboratories, changes the designation of controlled substances under which the drug Dronabinol is categorized, from a Schedule II to a Schedule III drug. This change results in reduced requirements for the written prescription of the drug, such as eliminating the need to prepare the prescription in triplicate with a copy thereof being submitted to the Department of Justice and authorizes the oral prescription of the drug.

SB 2065

Costa (Chapter 589)

AGRICULTURE: FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE

SB 2065, sponsored by the author, creates the Food Biotechnology Task Force to evaluate opportunities and risks associated with biotechnology products. The Task Force would be co-chaired by the Secretary of the Health and Human Services Agency, the Secretary of the Trade and Commerce Agency, and the Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture.

SB 2082

O'Connell (Chapter 476)

ANIMALS: SAFETY TESTING

SB 2082, sponsored by the Doris Day Animal League, prohibits manufacturers and contract testing facilities from using traditional animal test methods for which an

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appropriate alternative method has been scientifically validated and recommended by the United States Federal Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods or other specified agencies.

SB 2100

Vasconcellos (Chapter 660)

HEALING ARTS: NON-CONVENTIONAL TREATMENTS

SB 2100, sponsored by California Citizens for Health Freedom, requires existing boards, on or before July 1, 2002, to establish disciplinary policies and procedures to reflect emerging and innovative medical practices for licensed physicians and surgeons.

SB 2182

Committee on Health and Human Services (Chapter 870)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: MEDICAL FOOD

SB 2182, sponsored by the Committee, amends the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law (Sherman Law) by adopting, by reference, the Federal definitions for food, infant formula, and medical food. The Governor included a signing message directing DHS to pursue clean-up legislation next session. (*See Governor's signing message beginning on page 51*).

Laboratory Science

AB 2167

Gallegos (Chapter 829)

TISSUE DONATIONS

AB 2167, sponsored by the author, establishes responsibility for the oversight and implementation of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act in DHS, and would require DHS to adopt regulations for certain related purposes. Requires DHS by January 01, 2003, to submit a report to the Legislature relating to tissue donations and distribution.

AB 2301

Lowenthal (Chapter 62)

STATE AGENCIES: CONTRACTS

AB 2301, sponsored by Cooperative Personnel Services, authorizes each state agency to contract with a joint powers authority to perform examination and related services for the state agency with respect to the issuance of professional and vocational licenses (including professional laboratorians), certifications, commissions, permits, or other

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similar accreditation, subject to the approval of the Director of General Services.

AB 2397

Maddox (Chapter 830)

ANATOMICAL GIFTS: RESEARCH OR TRAINING

AB 2397, sponsored by the Orange County District Attorney, amends the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) to allow a coroner to release body parts for research or training after a reasonable effort has been made to find the next of kin or other person allowed to make an anatomical gift and obtain their consent. AB 2397 also requires that cremated remains be returned to the donor at no charge.

AB 2423

Firebaugh (Chapter 251)

CLINICAL LABORATORY FEES

AB 2423, sponsored by Quest Labs, specifically excludes persons licensed under the Business and Professions Code as clinical laboratories from the prohibition against charging additional fees for laboratory testing when the billing entity did not actually perform the test(s). This also excludes the requirement for disclosing the name, address, and charges of the laboratory that actually performed the test(s) if the billing entity and the laboratory were owned by the same parent company, or any of the parent company's subsidiaries.

AB 2714

Wesson (Chapter 362)

BLOOD PRODUCTS: COMPENSATION

AB 2714, sponsored by HemaCare, extends the sunset date for the provision of law allowing blood banks to compensate donors for platelets collected by hemapheresis [single donor platelets (SDPs)] from December 31, 2000 until January 1, 2003. It states that it is the intent of the Legislature for California to have an all-voluntary system for the collection of SDPs by January 1, 2003. It provides that any facility that wishes to start compensating donors for SDPs after August 1, 2000, must obtain special permission from the DHS director. The bill requires all facilities that compensate donors for SDPs to report specified information to DHS by January of each year until 2003. It requires DHS to monitor the supply and distribution of hemapheresis products and to

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make appropriate recommendations to the Legislature regarding the availability of SDPs from volunteers.

SB 2203

Committee on Environmental Quality (Chapter 733)
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES: STANDARDS

SB 2203, sponsored by DHS, changes the basic structure of the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) to bring the program into alignment with the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP). NELAP is a federal program that is being implemented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to create a uniform set of standards for all participating environmental laboratories in the country to ensure the data quality being produced by them. The California ELAP program has been approved as a NELAP accrediting authority since July 1999.

PRIMARY CARE AND FAMILY HEALTH

AB 878

Cardenas (Chapter 839)
HEALTH: YOUTH PREGNANCIES: COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

AB 878, sponsored by the author, removes the January 1, 2001, program sunset date, thereby extending indefinitely the Community Challenge Grant (CCG) Program, which provides grants to local agencies to reduce the number of teenage and unwed pregnancies in California.

AB 1032

Thomson (Chapter 701)
HEALTH COVERAGE: FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES

AB 1032, sponsored by the author, provides that a member of a federally recognized California Indian Tribe is a resident of this state for purposes regarding the Access for Infants and Mothers Program, which provides coverage for perinatal and infant care to residents of this state.

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- AB 1830 Wildman (Chapter 65)
PARENTING/PREGNANT TEEN EDUCATION PROGRAM: LEASE
- AB 1830, sponsored by the author, is an urgency measure that permits a school district, until January 1, 2002, to lease a building, which has not been reviewed for earthquake safety, for the purpose of housing a pregnant and parenting teen education program.
- AB 2103 Strom-Martin (Chapter 452)
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES: CLINIC ELIGIBILITY
- AB 2103, sponsored by the California Primary Care Association, establishes in statute the criteria that DHS currently uses for establishing clinics' eligibility to apply for grant program funds under the Seasonal Agricultural and Migratory Workers and Rural Health Services Development programs. Requires DHS to seek input from stakeholders in designing the methodology for distribution of funds under these circumstances.
- AB 2185 Gallegos (Chapter 325)
EYE PATHOLOGY SCREENING: NEWBORNS
- AB 2185, sponsored by the author, establishes the Newborn Eye Pathology Screening Task Force. Requires DHS, on or before June 30, 2002, to adopt the protocol developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics to optimally detect the presence of treatable causes of blindness in infants by two months of age.
- AB 2306 Florez (Chapter 312)
FARMWORKER PROGRAMS: SURVEY
- AB 2306, sponsored by the author, is an urgency measure that creates the Joe Serna Farmworker Family Wellness Act to integrate housing and health services for agricultural workers. Requires DHS to review and survey the extent to which agricultural workers and their families utilize those public health programs for which they are eligible in order to provide improved delivery of services to the families of agricultural workers. Requires DHS to use the results of the proposed survey to prepare an implementation plan that

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maximizes accessibility to health care and streamlines service delivery to make comprehensive family wellness programs available to agricultural workers and their families. Requires DHS to report the results of the survey to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2001, and to submit the required implementation plan on or before December 31, 2001.

AB 2393

Hertzberg (Chapter 27)

FREE CLINICS: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

AB 2393, sponsored by the author, clarifies existing law that free and community clinics may be supported, in part, by voluntary donations, bequests, gifts, grants, government funds or contributions, which may be in the form of money, goods or services. This legislation also permits such clinics to be reimbursed by third-party payers and to enter into managed care contracts for services provided to private or public health plan subscribers.

AB 2427

Kuehl (Chapter 803)

GENETIC DISEASES: NEWBORN SCREENING

AB 2427, sponsored by the author, expands the Newborn Screening Program, which provides testing of newborns to detect certain birth defects, to include a \$3.9 million appropriation for a pilot program to detect additional hereditary disorders using new technology, Tandem Mass Spectrometry.

AB 2875

Cedillo (Chapter 99)

PRIMARY CARE CLINICS: GRANTS

AB 2875, sponsored by the author, authorizes the California Health Facilities Financing Authority in the State Treasurer's Office, to award grants to eligible participating primary care clinics for the purpose of financing capital outlay projects, and to administer the proposed new grant program. The legislation requires the authority to develop selection criteria and a process for awarding the grants.

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SB 1338

Figueroa (Chapter 847)

HEALTH: YOUTH PREGNANCIES: GRANT PROGRAM

SB 1338, sponsored by the author, revises the Community Challenge Grant (CCG) program evaluation requirements. Requires DHS to include in the statewide independent evaluation an assessment of CCG's effectiveness in achieving stated outcomes as established by DHS. The bill deletes the January 1, 1999, due date for the evaluation and, instead, requires that the evaluation be submitted to the Legislature within six months of the completion of each grant cycle and only when funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act.

SB 1352

Alpert (Chapter 300)

CHILDREN: YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM

SB 1352, sponsored by the author, extends the duration of the Youth Pilot Program (YPP) by two years and modifies the evaluation process. Requires participating counties to establish a child and family interagency coordinating council to implement various aspects of children's services and family services, until January 1, 2004. Requires counties participating in the extended pilot program to submit updated strategic plans not later than March 31, 2001. Authorizes the Health and Human Services Agency to coordinate performance outcomes for measuring the success of the state level implementation of the pilot program; and increase the program evaluation requirements. The final evaluation will be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature not later than June 30, 2003.

SB 1364

Johnston (Chapter 941)

GENETICS: TEST DISCLOSURE

SB 1364, sponsored by the author, authorizes DHS to conduct a fee-supported licensure program for genetic counselors. Requires DHS to license master level genetic counselors and doctoral level clinical geneticists. The bill also makes clarification in prohibitions against unauthorized release of genetic information.

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SB 1549

Poochigian (Chapter 281)

EDUCATION: SCHOOL PERSONNEL

SB 1549, sponsored by the author, requires the State Department of Education to review and make recommendations to the state board regarding any needed updates to regulations concerning the assistance of individuals with exceptional needs by qualified health and school personnel on or before June 15, 2001.

SB 1766

Chesbro (Chapter 456)

PRIMARY CARE CLINICS: FUNDING

SB 1766, sponsored by the California Primary Care Association, extends for three years the sunset date of the current Expanded Access to Primary Care program funding allocation formula. Provides that this requirement shall become inoperative on July 1, 2004.

2000 ENROLLED BILLS

BILL NUMBER	AUTHOR	FINAL STATUS	CHAPTER	PROGRAM*
AB 48	Cedillo	Sign	368	CD
AB 93	Cedillo	Veto		MP
AB 238	Honda	Sign	1062	FR
AB 303	Thomson	Sign	708	DE
AB 499	Aroner	Sign	557	MP
AB 505	Wright	Sign	1059	LG
AB 525	Kuehl	Sign	347	MC
AB 536	Reyes	Veto		LB
AB 556	Davis	Sign	796	FR
AB 675	Thomson	Veto		LC
AB 678	Dutra	Veto		DC
AB 726	Gallegos	Veto		MC
AB 750	Dutra	Sign	777	CD
AB 754	Aroner	Veto		MC
AB 757	Gallegos	Veto		PC
AB 878	Cardenas	Sign	839	PC
AB 885	Jackson	Sign	781	DE
AB 894	Alquist	Sign	46	LC
AB 945	Maldonado	Veto		LC
AB 1015	Gallegos	Sign	946	MP
AB 1032	Thomson	Sign	701	PC
AB 1098	Romero	Sign	322	AI
AB 1124	Havice	Veto		MC
AB 1173	Frusetta	Sign	373	FR
AB 1199	Firebaugh	Sign	558	MP
AB 1455	Scott	Sign	827	MC
AB 1496	Olberg	Sign	837	FR
AB 1594	Florez	Veto		DC
AB 1711	Leach	Sign	6	FR
AB 1722	Gallegos	Veto		MP
AB 1725	Reyes	Veto		PC
AB 1730	Cardenas	Sign	540	EO
AB 1731	Shelley	Sign	451	LC
AB 1735	Thomson	Veto		PC
AB 1748	Zettel	Sign	593	DC
AB 1753	Romero	Sign	434	LC
AB 1759	Papan	Veto		IT
AB 1760	Kuehl	Sign	148	LC
AB 1772	Pacheco, R.	Sign	722	DE
AB 1791	Wiggins	Veto		PC
AB 1797	Bock	Sign	64	CH

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AB 1822	Wayne	Sign	1060	LG
AB 1830	Wildman	Sign	65	PC
AB 1847	Wayne	Veto		CD
AB 1851	Longville	Veto		CH
AB 1896	Jackson	Veto		LT
AB 1910	Migden	Sign	150	CA
AB 1946	Wayne	Sign	152	DE
AB 1969	Steinberg	Veto		LC
AB 1974	Migden	Veto		MP
AB 1975	Romero	Sign	356	LC
AB 2013	Wayne	Veto		DC
AB 2038	Alquist	Sign	250	CD
AB 2068	Steinberg	Veto		PC
AB 2080	Granlund	Sign	800	MP
AB 2102	Strom-Martin	Veto		MP
AB 2103	Strom-Martin	Sign	452	PC
AB 2107	Scott	Sign	442	MP
AB 2108	Migden	Veto		LC
AB 2111	Campbell	Veto		DC
AB 2136	Maldonado	Veto		LT
AB 2152	Aroner	Sign	453	MP
AB 2166	Cardenas	Veto		PC
AB 2167	Gallegos	Sign	829	LB
AB 2168	Gallegos	Sign	426	MC
AB 2185	Gallegos	Sign	325	PC
AB 2194	Gallegos	Sign	841	LC
AB 2260	Shelley	Sign	718	EO
AB 2264	Cedillo	Sign	503	EO
AB 2294	Davis	Veto		FR
AB 2301	Lowenthal	Sign	62	LB
AB 2306	Florez	Sign	312	PC
AB 2317	Ducheny	Sign	742	BH
AB 2318	Lowenthal	Sign	326	DC
AB 2326	Mazzoni	Veto		MP
AB 2381	Longville	Veto		EO
AB 2393	Hertzberg	Sign	27	PC
AB 2394	Firebaugh	Sign	802	MH
AB 2397	Maddox	Sign	830	LB
AB 2415	Migden	Sign	944	MP
AB 2423	Firebaugh	Sign	251	LB
AB 2424	Migden	Veto		MP
AB 2427	Kuehl	Sign	803	PC
AB 2516	Thomson	Sign	360	LC

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AB 2547	Hertzberg	Sign	842	MO
AB 2599	Cardenas	Sign	792	CD
AB 2611	Gallegos	Sign	828	MO
AB 2617	Aanestad	Sign	158	MP
AB 2668	Battin	Sign	804	MP
AB 2670	Bock	Veto		PC
AB 2710	House	Veto		FR
AB 2714	Wesson	Sign	362	LB
AB 2723	Wesson	Sign	533	FR
AB 2735	Cox	Sign	780	CH
AB 2803	Shelley	Veto		CD
AB 2809	Pacheco, R.	Veto		PC
AB 2832	Alquist	Veto		FR
AB 2872	Shelley	Sign	144	EO
AB 2875	Cedillo	Sign	99	PC
AB 2876	Aroner	Sign	108	MP
AB 2877	Thomson	Sign	93	MP
AB 2878	Wayne	Sign	94	CD
AB 2886	Kuehl	Sign	727	DE
AB 2899	Hlth. Comm.	Sign	858	LC
AB 2900	Gallegos	Sign	945	MP
AB 2901	Health Comm.	Sign	48	MP
SB 87	Escutia	Sign	1088	MP
SB 147	Alpert	Veto		MP
SB 168	Speier	Sign	845	MC
SB 180	Sher	Sign	691	FR
SB 193	Polanco	Sign	651	CD
SB 195	Chesbro	Sign	389	MC
SB 269	Ortiz	Sign (R)	794	CA
SB 370	Burton	Sign	692	WH
SB 500	Solis	Veto		PC
SB 550	Johnston	Sign	8	FR
SB 567	Speier	Sign	675	CD
SB 648	Ortiz	Sign	835	DC
SB 745	Escutia	Sign	811	MC
SB 764	Ins. Comm.	Sign	706	MP
SB 898	Dunn	Sign	812	MS
SB 929	Polanco	Sign	676	MP
SB 1038	Burton	Sign	18	CD

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SB 1177	Perata	Sign	825	MC
SB 1192	Polanco	Sign	846	MO
SB 1256	Polanco	Sign	754	DC
SB 1320	Escutia	Veto		CD
SB 1338	Figueroa	Sign	847	PC
SB 1339	Figueroa	Sign	677	MP
SB 1348	Vasconcellos	Veto		PC
SB 1352	Alpert	Sign	300	PC
SB 1364	Johnston	Sign	941	PC
SB 1368	Brulte	Sign	824	MP
SB 1471	Schiff	Sign	848	MC
SB 1479	Figueroa	Sign	303	CH
SB 1508	Figueroa	Sign	169	CA
SB 1514	Hayden	Veto		CD
SB 1549	Poochigian	Sign	281	PC
SB 1551	Dunn	Sign	448	LC
SB 1554	Comm. on B&P	Sign	836	LC
SB 1619	Alpert	Sign	550	CD
SB 1630	Hayden	Veto		LB
SB 1636	Poochigian	Sign	197	PS
SB 1712	Polanco	Sign	943	IT
SB 1732	Burton	Sign	1069	MC
SB 1746	Figueroa	Sign	849	MC
SB 1755	Kelley	Veto		DU
SB 1764	Chesbro	Sign	305	MC
SB 1766	Chesbro	Sign	456	PC
SB 1778	Johnston	Sign	770	AD
SB 1780	Chesbro	Veto		MP
SB 1814	Speier	Sign	707	MC
SB 1818	Speier	Sign	822	CH
SB 1824	Kelley	Sign	730	CA
SB 1839	Speier	Veto		MC
SB 1849	Johnson	Veto		FR
SB 1868	Solis	Veto		AD
SB 1875	Speier	Sign	816	LC
SB 1880	Sher	Veto		DU
SB 1903	Speier	Sign	1066	MC
SB 1932	Solis	Sign	818	CD
SB 1969	Solis	Veto		MP
SB 1988	Speier	Sign	867	LC
SB 2013	Health Comm.	Sign	682	MP

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SB 2050	Speier	Veto		MP
SB 2065	Costa	Sign	589	FR
SB 2082	O'Connell	Sign	476	FR
SB 2083	Speier	Sign	696	MC
SB 2094	Ins. Comm.	Sign	1067	MC
SB 2100	Vasconcellos	Sign	660	FR
SB 2103	Morrow	Veto		AI
SB 2111	Dunn	Sign	560	MS
SB 2127	Schiff	Sign	868	DE
SB 2132	Dunn	Sign	826	CA
SB 2136	Dunn	Sign	856	MC
SB 2152	O'Connell	Veto		DC
SB 2180	Hlth/Hum. Svcs.	Sign	869	LC
SB 2182	Hlth. Comm.	Sign	870	FR
SB 2193	Soto	Veto		MP
SB 2194	Soto	Sign	435	MP
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PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS AND ACRONYMS

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Office of Border Health	BH
Budget Office	BO
County Health Services & Local Public Health Assistance	CA
Chronic Disease & Injury Control	CD
Center for Health Statistics	CH
Legislative and Governmental Affairs	CM
Office of Civil Rights	CR
Communicable Disease Control	DC
Drinking Water & Environmental Management	DE
Medi-Cal Drug Unit	DU
Environmental & Occupational Disease Control	EO
Fiscal Forecasting	FF
Food, Drug and Radiation Safety	FR
Health Information and Strategic Planning	HI
Health Care Reform/Policy Development	HR
Information Technology Services	IT
Laboratory Science	LB
Licensing and Certification	LC
Legal Services	LG
Office of Long-Term Care	LT
Medi-Cal Managed Care	MC
Office of Multicultural Health	MH
Management Information System/Decisions Support Program	MI
Medi-Cal Operations	MO
Medi-Cal Policy	MP
California Partnership for Long-Term Care	MS
Primary Care and Family Health	PC
Prevention Services and Public Health	PH
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AB 1199	Firebaugh	Aging Programs	MP
AB 2306	Florez	Farmwork Programs	PC
AB 2317	Ducheny	Environmental: California-Mexico Border	BH
AB 2599	Cardenas	Cervical Cancer Community Awareness	CD
AB 2876	Aroner	DSS Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill	MP
AB 2877	Thomson	DHS Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill	MP
SB 269	Ortiz	Public Health: State Aid	CA
SB 1046	Murray	Occupational Therapy: Licensure	MP
SB 1256	Polanco	Hepatitis C	DC
SB 1339	Figueroa	Pharmacy: Quality Assurance Program	MP
SB 1364	Johnston	Genetics: Test Disclosure	PC
SB 1988	Speier	Insurance Fraud	LC
SB 2180	Hlth. Comm.	Adult Day Health Care: Licensing	LC
SB 2182	Hlth. Comm.	Environmental Health: Food	FR
SB 2194	Soto	Medi-Cal: Eligibility	MP

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AB 536	Reyes	Health Care: Bone Marrow Transplantation	LB
AB 675	Thomson	Health Facilities: Registered Nurses	LC
AB 726	Gallegos	Health Care Plans: Conversion For-Profit	MC
AB 754	Aroner	Medi-Cal Managed Care Services	MC
AB 757	Gallegos	High-Risk Infants: Follow-up program	PC
AB 945	Maldonado	Health Facilities: Construction & Licensing	LC
AB 1594	Florez	Hepatitis A Vaccinations	DC
AB 1722	Gallegos	Medi-Cal: Eligibility	MP
AB 1725	Reyes	Child Health Screening Program	PC
AB 1735	Thomson	Pupil Services	PC
AB 1791	Wiggins	Emergency Medical Services	PC
AB 1847	Wayne	Cardiovascular Disease Task Force	CD
AB 1851	Longville	Vital Records: Change of Sex	CH
AB 1896	Jackson	Long-Term Care	LT
AB 1974	Migden	Healthy Families Program	MP
AB 2108	Migden	State Prisons: Female Inmates	LC
AB 2111	Campbell	Red Imported Fire Ants	DC
AB 2136	Maldonado	Respite Care	LT
AB 2166	Cardenas	Housing Assistance Plan: Domestic Violence	PC
AB 2326	Mazzoni	Survivors of Brain Injury: Care	MP

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AB 2670	Bock	School Nurses	PC
AB 2710	House	Dairy Products: Unlawful Processing	FR
AB 2809	Pacheco R.	Communicable Disease: Maternal & Newborn	PC
SB 147	Alpert	Medi-Cal Eligibility	MP
SB 500	Solis	Family Planning Access Care & Treatment	PC
SB 1320	Escutia	Pupil Health	CD
SB 1348	Vasconcellos	Parenting Education	PC
SB 1514	Hayden	School Food	CD
SB 1630	Hayden	Assisted Reproductive Technology	LB
SB 1780	Chesbro	Medicare Payment Area Task Force	MP
SB 1849	Johnson	Laboratories: Licensing & Accreditation	FR
SB 1868	Solis	State Contracts: Small Businesses	AD
SB 1880	Sher	Pharmaceutical Assistance Study	DU
SB 1969	Solis	Medi-Cal Share-of-Cost: End-Stage Renal	MP
SB 2050	Speier	Children's Health Care Programs	MP
SB 2103	Morrow	Medi-Cal: Fiscal & Accounting Procedures	AI
SB 2152	O'Connell	Dairy Buildings: Portable Structures	DC
SB 2193	Soto	Medi-Cal	MP